

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MR. VERN OLLAR OF KERRVILLE, TEXAS

**HON. CHIP ROY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2021*

Mr. ROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mr. Vern Ollar of Kerrville, Texas. Corporal Ollar served with Company B of the 81st Chemical Mortar Battalion, United States Army, in World War II. His unit was commended with a Presidential Unit Citation for their heroic landing on D-Day at the Dog Green sector of Omaha Beach. They supported the Army Rangers at Pointe Du Hoc, and then went on to beat the Nazis on the other side of Paris. He was in the first unit to enter Germany under the 4th Armored Division.

After victory in Europe was declared, Corporal Ollar taught Belgian civilians how to detect enemy mortar locations. When World War II came to an end, Corporal Ollar finally headed back home to the United States of America where he and his wife Jayne raised four children. Mr. Ollar gained experience in the private sector and eventually started his own business, Ollar Hardware Company Incorporated. He retired in 1985 and sold the business to his children.

Mr. Ollar lost his dear wife Jayne after 55 years of marriage in 1997. He later married again to Diane, and together they are blessed with six children. The French Government awarded Mr. Ollar with their Legion of Honor in 2014 as a token of thanks for his role in liberating their country.

Like many of his fellow World War II veterans, Mr. Ollar found it difficult to speak about his war-time experiences. However, that changed when he traveled to Normandy for the 70th anniversary of his landing there. Mr. Ollar was touched by the fact that civilian homes sit safe and sound on the very same hill that his unit climbed on June 6, 1944. This anniversary trip helped Mr. Ollar speak about his World War II experiences for the first time.

He and Diane both fought a very different battle this past year and were victorious against their enemy, the COVID-19 virus. It is a privilege and honor to rise today in honor of a true American hero, Mr. Vern Ollar, in recognition of his 100th birthday.

HONORING DR. BARBARA FERRER AS A 28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2021*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Woman's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contribu-

tions and sacrifices made by our Nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Dr. Barbara Ferrer of the Echo Park neighborhood of Los Angeles, California.

Dr. Ferrer obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Community Studies from the University of California, Santa Cruz, a Master of Arts in Public Health from Boston University, a Master of Arts in Education from the University of Massachusetts, Boston, and a Ph.D. in Social Welfare from Brandeis University. A renowned and respected public health leader, Dr. Ferrer has more than four decades of professional experience as a researcher, philanthropic strategist, community advocate, educational leader, and public health director.

Dr. Ferrer has held several leadership positions throughout the years, serving as Director of Health Promotion & Chronic Disease Prevention and Director of the Division of Maternal & Child Health, respectively, at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. She also served as Headmaster at a high school in Boston, where she spearheaded efforts to improve high school graduation rates. After working in these capacities, Dr. Ferrer served as the Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. In this role, she directed the city's health department, including managing 1,100 employees, oversaw all Commission programs, and was a senior member of the Mayor's cabinet, advising on health-related issues. Under her leadership, the City of Boston experienced improvements in health outcomes, such as a decrease in the rates of childhood obesity, infant mortality, and smoking. Dr. Ferrer then went on to work for the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in Michigan as the Chief Strategy Officer, where her responsibilities included developing the strategic direction and providing leadership to the foundation's key program areas, such as community engagement, racial equity, and family economic security.

Presently, Dr. Barbara Ferrer serves as Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, which prevents disease, protects health, and promotes well-being and equity in Los Angeles County. In this capacity, she oversees a workforce of nearly 7,000 staff, and oversees all operating units, including the Bureaus of Operations Support, Health Promotion, Health Protection, and Disease Control. Dr. Ferrer guided the area's coronavirus pandemic response, collaborating with the County and community-based partners to ensure targeted services and appropriate policies to keep Los Angeles County residents safe during this health crisis. She leads the Department's Incident Command System, inceptioned at the start of the pandemic to facilitate informed decision-making and implementation of mitigation and response activities, such as safety protocols. The crisis response has included communications with education sectors, residents, and businesses, disease and outbreak management, vaccine

planning and administration, development and implementation of health officer orders, and engagement of community leaders and stakeholders in response efforts. Dr. Ferrer's unparalleled and compassionate leadership, coupled with her wealth of knowledge, helped the community navigate during these unprecedented times.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Dr. Barbara Ferrer.

CELEBRATING THE SERVICE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL JOHN FERDINAND "JT" THOMPSON

**HON. TED LIEU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2021*

Mr. LIEU. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the service of Lieutenant General John Ferdinand "JT" Thompson of the United States Air Force, commander of the Space and Missile Systems Center at the Los Angeles Air Force Base, who will soon be retiring after 37 years of military service to our nation.

Lieutenant General Thompson has had a decorated career in military service, having begun his journey as a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy Class of 1984. Throughout his Air Force career, General Thompson has served in various acquisition, scientific and logistics-oriented capacities, including assignments at Air Force Materiel Command, Systems Command and in the office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition.

General Thompson served in several leadership positions including as Chief of Commodities Division, Ogden Air Logistics Center, Utah and as commander of the 327th Aircraft Sustainment Wing, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. He also served as Deputy Program Executive Officer for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Program and the KC-46 Program Director.

Lieutenant General Thompson will soon retire from the United States Air Force, where he currently serves as Commander of the Space and Missile Systems Center and the Los Angeles Air Force Base where he is responsible for 6,000 employees nationwide.

As the Air Force Program Executive Officer for Space, Lieutenant General Thompson supervises the research, arrangement, expansion, and sustainment of associated command and control systems and satellites. His leadership and efforts have fostered revolutionary space projects and programs that will impact generations for years to come.

Lieutenant General Thompson's major awards and decorations exemplify his leadership, and unwavering dedication to our country having received the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal and Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters. He

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has also been decorated with the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with Three Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, and Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with four oak leaf clusters. These honors truly illustrate the deep commitment and incredible service that mark Lieutenant General Thompson's career in the Air Force.

I would like to commend Lieutenant General Thompson for his dedicated service to the United States Air Force and our nation and I wish him all the best in his new life in retirement with his lovely wife, Mrs. Ruth Ann Thompson.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2021*

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be in D.C. due to a pressing family obligation. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 219, YEA on Roll Call No. 220, and YEA on Roll Call No. 221.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2021*

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Madam Speaker, I missed a vote on Monday, July 26, due to circumstances outside of my control. I would have voted Aye on the Motion to Table the Republican Privileged Resolution, which was considered on the House floor that day.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONORARY FIREFIGHTER PENELOPE SALTRAY

##### HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2021*

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Miss Penelope 'Penny' Saltray as she is named an Honorary Firefighter for the Hanford and Kings County Fire Departments.

Penny Saltray, a seven-year-old citizen of the City of Hanford, California, dreams of one day becoming a firefighter. She currently battles the life-altering symptoms of a diagnosis no other person in the world shares. Despite her conditions and the daily obstacles she must overcome, Miss Saltray maintains remarkable desire, excitement, and curiosity about a career as a firefighter.

Firefighters put their lives in danger to help others. They exhibit incredible courage, drive, and character while serving their community. Much like a firefighter, Miss Saltray battles dangerous threats every day with inspiring strength and determination. She truly has the heart of a firefighter.

Miss Saltray's resilience, passion, and positive attitude perfectly represents the spirit of Hanford and what it means to be a firefighter. By being sworn in as an honorary firefighter for the Hanford and Kings County Fire Department, Miss Penny Saltray has rightly achieved her dream.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Honorary Firefighter Miss Penny Saltray for her strength and ambition to serve.

IN HONOR OF LIEUTENANT J.G.  
HOWARD T. OEDEL

##### HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2021*

Ms. KUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th birthday of Lieutenant J.G. Howard T. Oedel. It is with great pride that I join others in honoring Howard's patriotism, dedication, and sacrifice.

Howard's life has been filled with many milestones and achievements, from serving as a crew member of the USS *Massachusetts* in World War II to being a Harvard graduate and Ph.D. scholar. He is a pillar of the Hebron community and we are so thankful to have him.

As the daughter and daughter-in-law of World War II veterans, recognizing the service of our veterans is deeply personal to me. It is my great honor to serve those who have served us.

I wish Howard the happiest of birthdays. Congratulations.

#### HONORING SUSAN SUNG HEE LEE AS A 28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

##### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2021*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our Nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Susan Sung Hee Lee of La Crescenta, California.

A native Angeleno, Susan has lived in La Crescenta for most of her life, and attended Monte Vista Elementary School, Rosemont Middle School, and Crescenta Valley High School. She served in her church for many years, teaching Bible study to youth, and went on several mission trips to serve in rural cities in Mexico and northern Thailand. After graduating from high school, Susan pursued higher education receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in Humanities with an Asian American Studies major from the University of California, Irvine, an Associate's Degree in Nursing from Glendale Community College, and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Azusa Pacific University.

Susan's mother, who has been a nurse for more than four decades, inspired, supported,

and encouraged Susan's pursuit in becoming a nurse. Currently, Ms. Lee is a registered nurse at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital in the intensive care unit, where she has been a Relief Charge Nurse for nearly eleven years. She highly values her work as a nurse and strives to care for every patient as if they were a member of her family. As a La Crescenta resident for many years, Susan feels fortunate to be taking care of members of her community and serving in the area where she grew up.

Susan's dedication and passion for her job became even more evident during the unprecedented coronavirus pandemic. With the wholehearted support of her family, Ms. Lee worked at least one overtime shift every week and would stay past her 12-hour shifts when there was a shortage of nurses. Further, she volunteered to come to work before the start of her shifts so there would not be a gap in the care the patients were receiving. Susan also credits her work colleagues, who she sees as a second family, for persevering during the pandemic.

During the pandemic, Susan used her sewing machine to sew her own scrub caps and provided scrub caps to each of her colleagues, as well as putting her years of haircutting experience from her mission trips to use by giving haircuts to her colleagues when the hair salons and barber shops were closed. In addition, she brought homemade baked goods to share with her colleagues and continues to do so until today. While Susan sees these as simple gestures, she takes pride in knowing that she can provide comfort in the trying times of the pandemic and hopes to be able to contribute in this way throughout her career and personal life.

Susan is a loving wife and mother of two young children. She thrives in the outdoors and enjoys camping, hiking, scuba diving and bike riding.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Susan Sung Hee Lee.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF GEORGE PRATT HOWARD

##### HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2021*

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the Members of the House to join me in mourning the passing of one of our Nation's foremost experts on aviation safety and infrastructure, George "Pratt" Howard of Deep River, Connecticut. Known as Peter to family and friends—he passed away at his home in Deep River on January 30, 2021. Peter has moved on from this world but his spirit of love for his neighbors and community will never dissipate, and will continue to inspire us to put the public good above personal ambition or gain, and always treat one another with compassion and care.

Born in New York City's Greenwich Village—Peter spent most of his childhood in the city and absorbed the cultural and community diversity in the big apple that would positively influence his creative and artistic mind later in life. An avid student and passionate learner—Peter left the city after high school to earn a

degree in economics from the University of Virginia before returning to the city to acquire a master's in business administration from New York University. Following university, Peter decided to pursue a career in a field that he had a true passion for—aviation. With that, Peter joined the Air Force where he gained firsthand knowledge of aviation as he worked with some of the most advanced military grade technology to exist in that time from 1952 to 1955. After receiving significant experience in the ins and outs of aviation in the Air Force, Peter began a life-long journey in the civilian aviation space serving in leadership positions in several organizations including Director of Marketing for Eastern Airlines, and Chief of Economics/Asst. Director for Policy and External affairs for the port authorities of both New York and New Jersey.

In 1989, Peter landed a job that would allow him to have a direct impact on aviation policy in our nation—he became the new executive director of the Airport Operators Council International. In this role, he worked tirelessly in his advocacy of policy and procedural changes to improve the safety and effectiveness of American airports. His expertise was highly valued by all his colleagues and was often sought-after by policy makers. Proof of this can be seen in countless news media interviews and multiple testimonies he gave in Congressional hearings. In his work with Congress, he played a critical role in the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990. Since passage, this legislation has raised over \$60 billion for airports in supporting passenger safety. Peter's work with aviation policy was truly light years ahead of his time as he understood that with increased air traffic and globalization—safety would need to become a number one priority for American airline companies and our domestic security apparatus. Peter was steadfast in his commitment to our nation's aviation industry and his efforts have inspired others to continue the mission of ensuring that our air travel procedure always meet the most comprehensive safety standards.

Outside of the field of aviation, Peter was also an accomplished art historian who always used his wealth of knowledge to educate and enlighten anyone who was interested in the field. This included municipal governments and non-profit organizations in New York and Connecticut who used Peter's insights to expand their community arts and historical preservation programs. As a New York Resident, Peter was always active in his community and even became President of the Brooklyn Heights association from 1967 to 1969. As President—Peter was one of the driving forces in the passage of New York's landmark law which resulted in Brooklyn Heights becoming the first designated Historic district in New York City.

Later in life—Peter moved to Deep River and officially became a resident of Connecticut. As a Deep River resident, Peter tirelessly contributed to this historic Connecticut river town whose rich history and high quality of life he passionately championed. He offered his public policy expertise as an adviser to the Board of Selectman, and the town greatly benefitted from his creative solutions to complex problems, without incurring the high cost of consultants. I also recall Peter's tremendous efforts in establishing the town's first Design Advisory Board for which he became its first chairman. In this role, he organized and ex-

cuted art galleries for the town that displayed local artwork, including artwork from students at the local high school. He would also work together with the rest of the board to review and critique ideas for development in the town put together by the Planning & Zoning Commission. What Peter did for art and historical preservation in every community he lived in is truly remarkable.

Madam Speaker, it was an honor to represent a constituent as caring and compassionate for his community and Nation as Peter, who's dedication to our community and the town of Deep River went far beyond his service in local government. As a longtime friend and supporter of my work as a congressman, I always enjoyed talking to Peter and picking his brain on experiences he had with the U.S. Congress in the past and his well-informed opinions on current events, both at home and abroad. Even in his free time, he went the extra mile to enhance the community, from personally landscaping at the Veteran's Garden to helping design the local town pharmacy. Although his memory will live on through countless others, including his wife of 50 years, Sukey Howard, his three daughters, Connie, Kitty, and Ginger, his four grandchildren, and one great grandson, our eastern Connecticut community owes him an immeasurable level of gratitude. To that end, I ask that my colleagues and this Chamber join me in expressing our deepest condolences to the Howard Family and setting Peter Howard's name further into stone.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2021*

Mr. POCAN. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained during Roll Call Vote No. 209 on the passage of H.R. 826, the "Divided Families Reunification Act" offered by Rep. GRACE MENG on Monday, July 19, 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call Vote No. 209.

#### SHAWN HAUSE

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Shawn Hause for his longstanding and esteemed career in law enforcement and service to our country.

At the age of 19, Shawn knew he wanted to serve in law enforcement and joined the Washington State Patrol Explorers in the Spokane District 4 Detachment and learned the ways of Washington State Patrol for two years until aging out of the program. At the age of 23, he was accepted into the Spokane County Reserve Deputy program where he volunteered a minimum of 16 hours a month in patrol work as a deputy sheriff. During this time, Shawn also was hired by the Colfax Police Department in Colfax, Wash. as a part-time officer. Shawn was credited with making the largest drug bust of any Colfax officer at that

time after stopping a vehicle and seizing over one pound of marijuana in route to the Washington State University campus.

Two years later, Shawn was hired by the Spokane County Sheriff's office as a full-time deputy sheriff. He attended the Spokane Police Academy and graduated at the top of his class in firearms proficiency. He went on to work graveyard, swing shift, power shift and dayshift patrol. He volunteered to be a firearms instructor where he instructed new recruits and his peers for six years. He was then accepted into the Spokane County SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) Team. He graduated from the Hanford SWAT Basic School in Richland, Wash. and served with the SWAT team for approximately nine months.

After working as a patrol deputy for about seven years, successfully making numerous arrests for various drug violations, Shawn was accepted to Spokane County's drug unit, known as the Investigative Support Unit. In that role, he worked low to mid-level drug crimes within the Spokane County area. He worked in that position for four and a half years until the position was defunded at which time, he returned to patrol work. Following six months of patrol, Shawn was accepted as part of the Spokane Regional Drug Task Force (SRDTF).

In the SRDTF, Shawn worked closely with the Drug Enforcement Agency, U.S. Attorney's Office and other state and local agencies to identify, infiltrate, and dismantle highlevel drug traffickers and Drug Trafficking Organizations in the Eastern District of Washington. During this time, Shawn and his best friend and partner (a uniformed deputy) were involved in an officer-involved shooting by a suspect the SRDTF was investigating. Shawn also worked in an undercover capacity, buying large quantities of methamphetamine from different factions of the Sinaloa Drug Cartel. Shawn also assisted other agents/officers with a large scale, multi-state Oxycodone investigation that involved the Eight-Trey gang out of California in which the SRDTF and DEA were nationally recognized for their work. Shawn also worked with the FBI's Gang Enforcement Task Force where he worked to specifically target drug cartels and gang members that were committing drug crimes. While working with the FBI, Shawn held a TopSecret security clearance. As a five-year rotated position, Shawn was rotated out of his drug investigator role after being granted an extra year based on his undercover work that was ongoing in the U.S. and Mexico.

In total, Shawn spent more than 10 years working drug crimes and finished his career as a uniformed patrol deputy. He medically retired in good standing in 2019. I want to extend my deepest appreciation for Shawn Hause's service to the State of Washington, the surrounding region, and our country.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. JIM HAGEDORN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2021*

Mr. HAGEDORN. Madam Speaker, had I been present for the vote on the Motion to Table H. Res. 554, I would have voted nay on Roll Call No. 219.

Had I been present for the vote on final passage of H.R. 1664, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 220.

Had I been present for the vote on final passage of H.R. 2365, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 221.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNITED WAY OF PIERCE COUNTY

**HON. DEREK KILMER**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2021*

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this moment to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of United Way of Pierce County.

United Way of Pierce County has been an integral part of our community since its founding on May 14, 1921—100 years ago. Established by an organizing committee composed of nine women and led by Emily R. Seymour, the organization was originally known as the Federation of Social Service Agencies. Founded to coordinate work among multiple Tacoma social agencies and serve more people, this organization has gone forward to provide services and leadership to our community for a century.

Over the last hundred years, United Way of Pierce County's mission has remained focused on breaking the cycle of poverty for local families. Since its founding, this organization has raised and reinvested 350 million dollars in our community.

United Way of Pierce County is also a leader in supporting diversity and inclusion efforts in our region. Their commitment to confronting systemic racism and recognizing its role in perpetrating persistent socioeconomic disparities strengthens their impact as they work for the prosperity and dignity of every person in the community.

Their current goal is to lift 15,000 households out of poverty and into financial stability by 2028. I look forward to working with United Way of Pierce County in continued partnership to address poverty and care for our community. They are difference makers.

I'd like to congratulate the organization's tremendous leadership, including President & CEO Dona Ponepinto, the board, and every person in our community that has supported their extraordinary work.

Madam Speaker, Members of Congress, please join me in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of United Way of Pierce County.

#### HONORING LYNN LEMAY AS A 28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2021*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our Nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference

in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Lynn LeMay of West Hollywood, California.

Lynn has been a resident of West Hollywood for many years. Her mother was in the United States Army and her father, who served in World War II, was a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps. Lynn was born in San Diego, California, while her father was overseas.

For many years, Ms. LeMay was a professional event planner and fundraiser for nonprofit, corporate, and political groups. She oversaw numerous events for thousands of guests. Currently retired, Lynn dedicates her time to serve the LGBTQ community, and has done so for more than forty years. She is a steadfast advocate for people living with AIDS. Her compassion for people living with AIDS began in the 1980's when she worked in the interior design industry with renowned designer, Barbara Lockhart.

During her extensive nonprofit career, Ms. LeMay worked for Gay and Lesbian Adolescent Social Services, and while working for the AIDS Healthcare Foundation, helped open three hospice sites for individuals with AIDS. In addition, she volunteered with AIDS Project Los Angeles and with a Master's degree in clinical psychology, was a compassionate resource for those in need.

Lynn has been a volunteer with Project Angel Food for many years, which serves medically tailored meals to individuals living with illnesses, including HIV/AIDS. She was one of the first volunteers when founder Marianne Williamson was initially setting up the organization. Ms. LeMay serves as one of Project Angel Food's Telephone Angels, which is a buddy telephone program designed to combat social isolation. She also played a role in implementing Project Angel Food's Feminine Hygiene Program, which conducts outreach to age-appropriate clients. Lynn took part in both programs during the coronavirus pandemic. She felt fulfilled speaking to individuals on the phone to let them know that they were being thought of and there was someone to listen to them.

Lynn has a son, Austin, who has followed in his mother's footsteps by being an AIDS activist while he was enrolled at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Lynn LeMay.

#### HONORING 102 YEAR-OLD WWII VET GEORGE BUHLER

**HON. JIM BANKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2021*

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. George Buhler of Berne, Indiana.

Our Nation owes George a tremendous debt of gratitude for his dedicated service to our country in the United States Army during World War II. Serving in a military police unit in the European Theatre, his sacrifices were critical to the defense of our homeland and to the security and prosperity for millions of people.

As a sergeant in the 8th Infantry Division, George landed in Normandy, France, just days after the initial Allied invasion in June 1944. In July, George's platoon moved forward into Germany. There, he encountered General George S. Patton who ordered George to help procure the equipment and maps necessary for American troops to advance over the Siegfried Line. The Allied advance into Germany continued into autumn and winter, during which George's unit fought in the Battle of Hurtgen Forest and the Battle of the Bulge. In 1945, George returned to France, wherein he saw the end of the war in Europe.

George returned to civilian life and, like most in the Greatest Generation, was modest in recalling his service in the years thenceforth. That's why I'm proud to honor George, the oldest veteran in Adams County, by entering into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD these regards. George, on behalf of Congress, let me say: we hope your heart is filled with joy in knowing you have experienced our country's greatest blessings, including the affection of family, friends, and a grateful nation, over a long and well-lived life.

George's legacy of service is a proud part of the American story. This is a testament to his commitment to our people, and the ideals, to which we strive.

#### RECOGNIZING JULIE PARKER AS MY CONSTITUENTS OF THE MONTH

**HON. MIKE LEVIN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2021*

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize one of my district's finest educators, Principal Julie Parker, as my July Constituent of the Month. After spending 34 years molding young minds and building a foundation for her students' success, Principal Julie Parker's journey came to a close with her well-deserved retirement. For the last 26 years, Julie was a source of leadership and inspiration for students, parents, and staff alike at the Cardiff School.

As a father of two young children, I know from experience how valuable and cherished our educators are to our communities, and Principal Parker's passion for teaching and creating a thriving environment for youth is an inspiration. Seeking to ensure that her students have every opportunity to grow and flourish, Principal Parker played a significant role in the recent remodeling of the Cardiff School, which brought about critical improvements for students to embrace their gifts in the award-winning institution. She also guided the school through the creation of several successful programs that create well-rounded students, including Garden to Lunch, Cardio Club, and STEAM Lab. Under her devoted leadership, the school continues to strive for and achieve academic excellence.

Through a year of uncertainty and challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, Principal Parker went above and beyond to keep the fabric of her school's community strong. When the school moved to a virtual learning format at the onset of the pandemic, she took it upon herself to hand-deliver personalized gifts to each of her teachers at their

homes. When her school resumed in-person learning months later, Principal Parker was the first to welcome her students and staff back to the campus. She has been an exemplary leader through these trying times.

For her mentorship, kindness, and commitment to excellence, Principal Parker will be thoroughly missed in the education community, and I'm incredibly thankful for her passion to uplift and encourage our youth. I'm proud to honor her as my July Constituent of the Month.

RICK SHANKLIN

**HON. JAMES COMER**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2021*

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rick Shanklin on his retirement from the National Weather Service at the end of this month. His impressive thirty-seven-year career has spanned across multiple states and saved countless lives from natural disasters.

Rick has accomplished many unique feats during his career. He is the only meteorologist to serve in all three NWS offices in Kentucky, as well as pioneering the Kentucky Mesonet. He also is a national expert for rating tornadoes EF3 or stronger and surveyed six EF4 tornadoes.

Rick helped NWS Paducah earn Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals from the Department of Commerce. Both the Governors of Kentucky and Missouri have recognized him for his expertise as well.

I want to thank Rick Shanklin for his service to the First District of Kentucky and the United States over his career. It is an honor to represent him in Congress and I wish him a happy retirement.

IN HONOR OF ANDREW SHORT

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel Andrew "Coby" Short for his dedicated service to our country upon his retirement from the U.S. Army.

As Commander for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the Pittsburgh District since July of 2018, Colonel Short has served for three years to improve the region's critical infrastructure. In addition to his service to the Pittsburgh District, Colonel Short was also appointed as the Border District Commander and tasked with directing a project that would focus on the construction of the U.S. Government's southwestern border.

Since he began his military career with a commission as a Second Lieutenant upon graduation from the U.S. Military Academy in 1997, Colonel Short has received numerous awards for his service, including the Bronze Star, the Combat Action Badge, and the Bronze Order of the De Fleury Medal, an award of the U.S. Army Engineer Association.

Colonel Short served the citizens of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District as a

member of our Military Service Academy Interview Board, where he vetted potential nominees to our nation's service academies. I am grateful for his work in this capacity to ensure the continued readiness of our nation's Armed Forces for years to come.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I thank Colonel Short for his service, and I wish him continued success as he enters retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF PHYLLIS GOULD

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2021*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise along with my colleague, JARED HUFFMAN, to honor the late Phyllis Gould, one of the Bay Area Rosie the Riveters whose work was essential for the United States and its allies to win the war. Phyllis passed away on July 20, 2021, just shy of her 100th birthday on October 7. We had the honor and pleasure to work with Phyllis on legislation that recognizes the immense contributions the Rosies have made to history.

Phyllis Mickey Gould was born at Camp Lewis, now Fort Lewis, Washington. Her father served in the Army for 30 years and received a Silver Star and Purple Heart for his service in France during the World War I. Back during that time, Phyllis liked to explain, women didn't plan a career at an early age, instead they learned to cook and sew and were expected to marry young and raise a family. World War II changed that. Men were drafted to fight the war, leaving the jobs building ships, planes and munitions vacant. More than ten million women nationwide stepped in. In July 1942, Phyllis became one of the first six women welders at Kaiser shipyards in Richmond, California. Soon she was followed by her two sisters who became a draftsman and a welder and by her mother who became a painter. The Richmond shipyard built a record 747 cargo ships. Phyllis worked as a welder until the end of the war.

The Rosies were iconized by a poster by Howard Miller which ironically didn't become famous until 40 years after its creation. It's a poster of a young woman with a polka dot bandana, rolling up her denim shirt sleeve, flexing her bicep and exclaiming "We Can Do It!" Miller was hired by Westinghouse Company's War Production Coordinating Committee in 1942 to create a series of posters of inspirational images to boost worker morale. It was displayed only to Westinghouse employees in the Midwest for two weeks in 1943 and then disappeared. In the 1980s it was rediscovered, labeled Rosie the Riveter and became a symbol for American feminism.

For Phyllis, the Rosies never received the recognition they deserved, so she made it her life's mission to change that and this is how my colleagues and I came to know her. She was laser focused, feisty and tenacious. She emphatically stated, "The military could not have done what it did without what we did! Every item they needed to succeed—a woman helped produce!!" Her ultimate dream was to have a National Rosie Holiday, a plaque at veterans memorials across the country, a stat-

ue on the Washington Mall, an annual special commemorative coin, and a ticker tape parade down 5th Avenue in New York. You see, Phyllis always aimed high. For her personally, she said, she wanted to be able to say on her gravestone: Mission Accomplished!

While she didn't accomplish everything on her ambitious dream list, she accomplished a lot in her decades of advocacy for these war sheroes. In 2014, she and five other Rosies were invited to the White House and met with President Obama and then-Vice President Biden, even snatching a hug from him. Congressman HUFFMAN carried, and I cosponsored, a bill that designated March 21 as Rosie the Riveter Day during Women's History Month. It has to be renewed each year, but we do have a national holiday, thanks in large part to Phyllis' work. I carried, and Congressman HUFFMAN cosponsored, the Rosie the Riveter Congressional Gold Medal Act which was signed into law in December 2020. The U.S. mint is now in the process of designing the medal and Phyllis was deeply involved in sharing her design ideas with the mint.

In 2019, Phyllis and two fellow Rosies traveled to France for the 75th Anniversary of D-Day. In a letter to Senator SCHUMER, she wrote that the people of France honored their work with parades, a banquet, gifts and a medal. In 2000, The Rosie the Riveter WWII Home Front National Historical Park opened its doors in Richmond, due to the advocacy of Phyllis and her fellow Rosies.

Madam Speaker, Phyllis Gould never stopped fighting for the Rosies and she refused to take no for an answer. She was fiercely independent. She lived alone in her apartment and drove a stick shift truck up until a few days before she fell ill at 99. She proudly displayed photos of the herself with the President and Vice President and Members of Congress. She didn't have a computer or cell phone, but she made countless phone calls from her landline and wrote countless handwritten letters to federal and state elected officials to plead for proper recognition of these war heroes. In our book, she has permission to write Mission Accomplished on her gravestone.

HONORING NAREH MANOOKI AS A 28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2021*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our Nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Nareh Manooki of Burbank, California.

After graduating from high school, Nareh attended the University of California San Diego (UCSD). During her junior year at UCSD, Nareh started to work part-time for the Boeing Company, joining full time after graduating from UCSD with a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering, followed by a Master of Science degree in Product Development

Engineering from the University of Southern California. At Boeing, she assumed leadership roles in extracurricular groups, including Boeing Women in Leadership and the Amelia Earhart Society. Nareh learned complicated processes and procedures when working on the 787 nacelle, and became lead of the project, receiving awards for her work on the project.

Nareh decided to make a shift in her career after the birth of her son. An experienced engineer who never lost sight of her passion for tutoring and helping people, she joined Glendale Community College (GCC) in 2018 as an instructor of engineering, where she currently teaches several classes including Introduction to Engineering and 3D Printing and Modeling. Soon after, Nareh was also hired to teach at Los Angeles Pierce College and Los Angeles City College, where she continues to teach today.

In addition to sharing her personal and professional experiences in the engineering industry with her students, Nareh also supports her students outside of the classroom with hands-on opportunities that benefit them and the community, especially supporting underrepresented minorities in STEM. When the coronavirus pandemic hit and everyone was sent home, the work outside the classroom seemed to be at a standstill. While Ms. Manooki was working remotely, she wanted to do something to help frontline workers, and while researching on line, she came across articles about 3D printing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). With the support of the GCC leadership, Nareh brought home the school's 3D printers to test different designs she had found for clinically tested products to donate to hospitals. She also discovered that there were many like-minded college instructors in California, with whom she shared the approved mask designs and learned the agreements and processes they established with local hospitals for donations.

Soon, the networking between GCC and local hospitals blossomed, and donation agreement forms were coming in. Nareh was printing with two or three 3D printers in her home from morning until evening, while simultaneously fulfilling her teaching and parental responsibilities. To meet the demands faster, she reached out to colleagues and students for help, who enthusiastically joined her efforts, and together as a team, they donated over two thousand face shields and ear tension straps to the community. Following the success of this effort, Ms. Manooki thought of ways to bring back opportunities for students to have hands-on projects while learning remotely. In May 2020, the Glendale College Foundation approved her proposed program to advise and mentor students on how to learn to operate 3D printers and improve existing PPE designs. The program proved to be a success. Nareh's students designed and created their own prototypes while gaining hands-on engineering technology skills during a pandemic school year.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Nareh Manooki.

RECOGNIZING DOUGLAS COUNTY, CO, BEING NAMED THE SECOND HEALTHIEST COMMUNITY IN THE U.S.

### HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2021*

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Douglas County, Colorado, being named the second healthiest community in the United States by U.S. News and World Report in 2021. Douglas County was ranked second in the nation in both 2020 and 2018 and topped the annual list in 2019.

Douglas County enjoys 300 days of sunshine each year and, thanks to the beautiful Rocky Mountains, is home to some of the world's best hiking and outdoor recreation. Surrounded by 63,000 acres of natural land, Douglas County is home to three state parks, the Reuter-Hess Reservoir, and incredible walking trails, like the Devil's Head National Recreation Trail. These natural areas are important to the community as they provide recreational opportunities like fishing, hiking, boating, and biking to be enjoyed by residents.

This recognition as the second healthiest county is a testament to not only the beautiful natural areas of the Centennial State, but also its local government officials and those who call Douglas County home. As one of the fastest growing communities in the country, Douglas County has been ranked by the American City Business Journal as one of the best counties in the U.S. for quality of life.

On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I am honored to celebrate this recognition alongside the residents and local government of Douglas County, Colorado.

### REMEMBERING NANCY THOMAS WOOD

### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2021*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, South Carolina will always cherish the dedicated service of Nancy Thomas Wood as an educator in Lexington District 5 of Seven Oak Elementary School, which I have gratefully represented in the State Senate and now Congress.

Mrs. Wood has been an inspiration for her daughter Lou Kennedy, who has been recognized as being one of the state's most successful business leaders.

Just last week, President and CEO Lou Kennedy of Nephron Pharmaceuticals Corp., announced a \$215.8 million expansion creating 380 new jobs.

I appreciate the opportunity to include in the RECORD the following obituary for Nancy Thomas Wood.

NANCY THOMAS WOOD

December 1, 1938–July 26, 2021

Nancy Thomas Wood, of Lexington, passed away on Monday, July 26, 2021.

Mrs. Wood, a loving wife and mother, was an educator for more than 40 years. She taught first grade in Lexington District 5, spending most of her career as a teacher at

Seven Oaks Elementary School. Nothing—save her family—gave Mrs. Wood more satisfaction than loving and mentoring thousands of Midlands-area students, who loved her back. She also taught Sunday school and Vacation Bible School.

Mrs. Wood relocated to Cayce from Kingsport, Tennessee, when husband Jerry took a management job at Eastman Chemical Company. The mother of Lou Wood Kennedy, Mrs. Wood settled into life in the Midlands, where she cheered each promotion Jerry earned and motivated her daughter to work hard, give back and treat everyone with grace.

Mrs. Wood met her husband when they were teenagers, and they began dating as students at East Tennessee State University. Her father-in-law married the couple, and they recently celebrated 61 years together.

Mrs. Wood drove daughter Lou to extracurricular activities Lou was involved in growing up, and made certain Lou was equipped with the tools she needed to succeed.

Surviving Mrs. Wood are her devoted husband, Jerry; loving daughter, Lou Wood Kennedy of Lexington (Bill); granddaughter, Xanna Bailey of Lexington (Travis) and great-grandson, Lincoln Bailey. Mrs. Wood is also survived by Paul Wood (Mildred), Sarah Benson, Daniel Wood (Cara), Becky Reece (Chuck), countless nieces and nephews and the Seven Oaks family, with whom she loved to spend time.

Mrs. Wood was predeceased by her parents; brother, Donald Thomas; sister, Mary Wills and brother-in-law, Lewis Wills. She was also predeceased by brothers-in-law, Lambert and David Wood and other members of the Wood family.

Visitation will be held from 5:00–6:45 PM on Wednesday, July 28 at Caughman-Harman Funeral Home in Lexington and a celebration of life will follow from 6:45–7:15 PM at the funeral home. A private family burial will be held on Thursday, July 29 at 10:00 AM.

### VOTING RIGHTS ACT

### HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2021*

Ms. SEWELL. Madam Speaker, I proudly represent Alabama's 7th District—the Civil Rights District—which includes the historic cities of Birmingham, Montgomery and my hometown of Selma.

I am honored to participate in the Congressional Black Caucus Special Order Hour on the heels of the anniversary of the death of the great Congressman John R. Lewis, my dear friend and mentor. I would also be remiss if I did not acknowledge the passing of Robert Parris Moses, another civil rights icon who was beaten and jailed while fighting for the precious right to vote. I am reminded daily of the sacrifices made by John, Robert, and the other countless foot soldiers.

For me, growing up in Selma, under the shadow of the Edmund Pettus Bridge, the history of the Voting Rights Movement was not something I had to learn in school.

The Foot Soldiers of the Movement were not pictures or names in a history book, they were a vital and vibrant part of the community in Selma—they were my teachers, my church members, my piano teacher, our firefighters and even my babysitter.

Their valiant, collective efforts put Selma on the map in a way that no one could have imagined, so much so that we still celebrate and commemorate those efforts today.

The movement continues, because it must—because the fight for equity is as important now as it was in 1965. Selma is still now.

Old Battles have become new again. Since the Supreme Court in *Shelby County vs. Holder* gutted the Voting Rights Act of 1965 in 2013, state legislatures all across the nation have passed restrictive voter laws making it harder for people to vote, especially for Black Americans and other minority voters.

Today, driven by the Big Lie of a “stolen election,” opponents to our democracy have ramped up their efforts to restrict access to the ballot box.

Just this year, lawmakers have introduced at least 389 bills in 48 states that would restrict the right to vote. And in 17 states, these anti-voter bills have already been signed into law. These laws are intended to allow politicians to pick and choose whose voices are heard by subjecting voters to:

- longer lines,
- inaccessible polling places,
- strict voter ID requirements,
- broken voting machines,
- purges of voter rolls,
- and voter registration complications.

These new tactics may not require us to count how many jellybeans are in a jar or recite the names of every county in Alabama, they are the same old tricks in disguise. Indeed, voter suppression is still alive and well.

As if these bills weren't enough, earlier this month, the Supreme Court upheld Arizona's discriminatory, anti-voter laws that were designed to target Latino and other minority voters. Specifically, the Court found that Arizona's out-of-precinct policy, which requires ballots to be thrown out if they were not cast in the assigned precinct, and its third-party ballot collection policy, which limits who can collect vote-by-mail ballots, were not discriminatory and did not violate section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. Simply put, the Court got it wrong.

Arizona's out-of-precinct and third-party collection ballot policies created unfair burdens and disproportionately impacted minority voters and, as a result, Arizona's election system was not equally open to all Arizona voters, particularly for Native American, Hispanic, and Black voters. Unfortunately, with this ruling the Court chose not to protect the precious right to vote and instead weakened a different provision of the Voting Rights Act, section 2, and made it harder for victims of voter discrimination to seek justice.

Let me be clear: Today we face a critical juncture. We are up against the most coordinated state-level effort to restrict the right to vote in generations and a Supreme Court keen on destroying our nation's most important voting rights law.

Luckily, we have a solution.

Democrats in Congress are committed to passing federal legislation to restore and protect the sacred right to vote for generations to come, and I'm so proud to be leading that fight.

My bill, the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act, or H.R. 4, would restore and modernize key provisions of the Voting Rights Act that were gutted by the Supreme Court. It would once again prohibit any state or jurisdiction with a history of discrimination from implementing

any election changes without receiving preclearance from U.S. Department of Justice.

The need for Congress to pass the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act has never been so urgent. Without federal protections against discrimination, states across the country have and will continue to enact new voter suppression tactics that subject voters to: longer lines; inaccessible polling places; strict voter ID requirements; broken voting machines; and more.

That's why I'm hard at work drafting this legislation with the House Judiciary Committee and stakeholder groups. We are on track to have the bill ready for introduction in the coming weeks.

Never did I think the cause for which John Lewis marched for 56 years ago—the Voting Rights Act would require congressional action to restore its full protection.

It reminds us that progress is elusive and every generation must fight and fight again.

The legacy of my district requires that I pick up this baton of voter equality and continue the next leg—their Cause is my Cause too.

I look forward to introducing H.R. 4, The John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act, because the reality is—we have not yet achieved the America that John dreamed of.

John knew that our Country's best days lie ahead of us, but we must seize the opportunities to enact change every day.

He understood that democracy is not the whim or edict of one person; it is a constant, collective act of reinvention. We are a nation founded on a call to action—to strive daily for a more perfect union.

Every one of us has a role to play. As leaders we must lead and as citizens we must Vote.

May we all recommit ourselves to the ideals of equality and justice for which the foot soldiers marched. Let our words and actions stir the soul of our Nation.

John gave us his final Call to Action: John said, “Never give up, Never give in, Keeping the faith, Keep your eyes on the prize.”

Let's get into Good Trouble.

IN HONOR OF DEAN CHRISTON

**HON. ANN M. KUSTER**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2021*

Ms. KUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dean Christon on the occasion of his retirement as Director and Chief Executive Officer of New Hampshire Housing.

Dean is as steadfast advocate for affordable housing and community development across New Hampshire. It was an honor to work alongside Dean, his team at New Hampshire Housing and countless other developers and advocates to see so many impactful projects come together, like Boulder Point Veterans Housing in Plymouth and the Pine Tree Lane Apartments in West Lebanon.

I commend Dean Christon on his retirement after more than three decades with New Hampshire Housing and on his unwavering dedication to the Granite State. Dean also serves as the Vice Chair of the Advisory Board of the Saint Anselm College Center for Ethics in Society and is a trustee of NeighborWorks Southern NH, a testament to

his commitment to housing security and to the future leaders of our state.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I thank Dean for his many years of service, and for being a part of what makes the Granite State so great. I am honored to recognize and congratulate Dean on his retirement and wish him the best of luck in the years ahead.

IN HONOR OF THE 31ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2021*

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I wish to honor the 31st Anniversary of the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. The law prohibits discrimination by private and public institutions toward citizens with disabilities, mandating that any entity covered by the law take reasonable steps to make their property, lines of communication, and employment accessible to persons with disabilities. In the two decades since the law's passage, it has opened the door for million Americans to participate more fully in day-to-day activities and to pursue opportunities in society. One out of every five American households has a family member who has a physical or cognitive disability. This historic bill expanded access to physical buildings and countless activities, easing the ability of these citizens to go about their daily lives freely without concern that they will be denied access to a school, shopping center, business, or communication device. Access is a freedom that everyone should enjoy, and I am proud to celebrate two decades of a law designed to promote this freedom for so many. I am proud that many of the accommodations that resulted from this law are considered commonplace now.

My Congressional District has long supported the efforts to promote equal civil rights. Chicago has been a leader in the movement to improve the livelihood of Americans with disabilities.

The Affordable Care Act included legislative provisions from my bill H.R. 1670, the Community First Choice Option, which allows states to include within their Medicaid State Plans an option to receive community-based services for individuals with disabilities who are eligible for nursing homes and other institutional settings. The Community First Choice Option gives people the choice to leave facilities and institutions for their own homes and communities with appropriate, cost effective services and supports. We should build on the precedent set 3 decades ago with the enactment of the ADA by giving Americans with disabilities the freedom to choose where they live.

Equality is a founding principle of our country. It has been an arduous process for many groups of people—from the Emancipation Proclamation to the Nineteenth Amendment for women's suffrage to the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 was another milestone in equality for our Nation. Thousands of individuals worked in earnest to make this law possible, and thousands continue to champion this law's implementation. For these efforts, we honor the



31st Anniversary of the enactment of the revolutionary bill.

IN RECOGNITION OF LIEUTENANT  
OLAN ARMSTRONG OF THE  
ARVIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

**HON. DAVID G. VALADAO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2021*

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lieutenant Olan Armstrong on his retirement from the City of Arvin Police Department after 43 years of service.

Born and raised in Arvin, California, Lieutenant Armstrong has dedicated his life to serving his community. While attending Arvin High School, Lieutenant Armstrong was as an active member of the Arvin Police Explorers program which prepares youth for law enforcement careers through assistance with community events. After graduation, Lieutenant Armstrong went on to lead a successful career within the Arvin Police Department while dedicating countless hours to various volunteer organizations.

During his career, Lieutenant Armstrong worked as both a volunteer ambulance driver and volunteer fireman for the City of Arvin and surrounding areas. He has also coached and umpired the Arvin Little League, served as coordinator for the Arvin Police Explorer Program, and served as board member for the Bear Mountain Recreation Department.

Lieutenant Armstrong truly dedicated his life to volunteerism and community service. He made great efforts to serve the City of Arvin throughout his lifetime and has remained an integral part of the community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Lieutenant Olan Armstrong for his lifetime of service to the City of Arvin, California, and congratulating him on his recent retirement.

RECOGNIZING MOHAMMAD  
SIDDIQUE SHEIKH'S SERVICE TO  
OUR GREAT COMMONWEALTH OF  
VIRGINIA

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2021*

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, since moving to the United States from Gujranwala, Pakistan, Mr. Sheikh has served his community diligently through successful entrepreneurship and advocacy for the Pakistani American and Muslim communities.

Mr. Sheikh's dedication and commitment to the Pakistani American community has had a great impact not only those in Virginia's First District but the Greater Washington area. Throughout the years Mr. Sheikh has worked tirelessly to support Muslim communities through the creation of the Muslim Community Center and the Islamic Circle of North America Sunday School.

Mr. Sheikh is the Founder and Chairman of the U.S.-Pakistan International Chamber of Commerce (USPICC), previously known as

the Pakistan American Business Association (PABA), a representative body of entrepreneurs of Pakistani-origin, created in 1985. USPICC has worked with various business and academic entities to provide guidance and support to entrepreneurs, professionals, and the community in general.

In conjunction to advocating for the Pakistani American and Muslim community, Mr. Sheikh has also been a great supporter of several academic boards and business institutions, including George Mason University's (GMU) education program. Through his positions on the board of visitors with George Mason University and Pakistan's National University of Science and Technology (NUST), Mr. Sheikh has been able to create opportunities and connections abroad for both the students and faculty at GMU and NUST.

Madam Speaker, I have had the privilege to know Mr. Sheikh for many years and count him as a friend. I ask you to join me in recognition of Mr. Mohammad Siddique Sheikh's leadership, passion, and determination in service to our great Nation.

HONORING CATHERINE Y. KIM AS  
A 28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2021*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our Nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Catherine Y. Kim of the Los Feliz area of Los Angeles, California.

Born and raised in Los Feliz, Catherine is a proud child of Korean immigrants. After attending Lycée International de Los Angeles in Los Feliz, she continued her higher education at New York University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Media, Culture, and Communications and a minor in Art History.

After working in New York City in public relations and the fashion industry, Catherine moved back to Los Angeles. While volunteering as a member of the League of Women Voters, Catherine recognized the importance of being involved at the local level to make a difference in the community. With a wealth of experience as the past chair of the East Hollywood Los Feliz Homeless Coalition, and former Vice President of the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council, where she is currently a member, Ms. Kim cofounded SELAH Neighborhood Homeless Coalition (SELAH). SELAH is a community-based volunteer organization devoted to supporting her unhoused neighbors in Silver Lake, Echo Park, Los Feliz, Atwater Village and East Hollywood.

Ms. Kim's passion for helping the community became even more evident when the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic began. She was instrumental in guiding SELAH to serve those in-need through countless ways, from providing showers, case management/housing navigation, meals, hygiene supplies,

and clothing to initiating an emergency food program. In addition, Catherine was instrumental in distributing COVID-19 educational material and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to the unhoused communities impacted by the closing of regular homeless food and assistance programs. In the Fall of 2020, Catherine joined the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services Housing for Health division COVID Response Team as a Procurement Specialist, working during a time of a global supply chain crisis to ensure that county quarantine and isolation sites came online as fast as possible, and that COVID-19 testing teams for individuals facing homelessness were protected with PPE when out in the field. Presently, Ms. Kim is committed to supporting the efforts of Los Angeles County in COVID-19 vaccine education, administration, and outreach in the unhoused community, and also coordinating SELAH's roving and on-site vaccine clinics for areas that are overlooked or hard to reach.

Catherine enjoys empowering people to serve their community and encouraging them to partake in civic engagement. She likes painting, visiting museums, scuba diving, attending concerts, hiking in Griffith Park, and walking in her neighborhood.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Catherine Y. Kim.

HONORING DR. JOSÉ CELSO  
BARBOSA

**HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN**

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2021*

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of Dr. José Celso Barbosa, born 157 years ago today.

Dr. Barbosa, the father of the Puerto Rican Statehood movement, was a distinguished physician, politician and publisher, and founder of the Republican Party in Puerto Rico.

Born in the city of Bayamon, in a time when a black man had limited opportunities, he broke barriers and studied medicine at the University of Michigan, where he grew to understand the values of the United States, and when he came back to Puerto Rico in 1880 he began to challenge the Spanish colonial system, becoming active in seeking greater home rule.

When Puerto Rico became part of the United States after the Spanish American War, Barbosa saw in the American Constitution and in Statehood the way to ensure democracy, liberty and equality for the people of his Island. Establishing the Republican Party in Puerto Rico on the 4th of July 1899, he became the strongest and most fervent voice in favor of American law and institutions. From his positions both in the Executive Cabinet and later in the Senate of Puerto Rico, he steadfastly insisted that this should mean full equality as a State of the Union.

For a century since his passing, generations of leaders in Puerto Rico across all social divides have followed the inspiration of Barbosa, striving to make his aspiration a reality: for the people of Puerto Rico to fully participate as American Citizens, contributing to the nation



and sharing in its future, by having our Island become a State of the Union.

That was his ideal and it is mine, and that of many in Puerto Rico. Just last November, a majority of our voters said Yes to Barbosa's vision, electing statehood. I am here to make sure that their voice is heard, as the best way to honor his memory and reaffirm his goal.

Barbosa's memory lives on, in everyone who seeks justice and equality for Puerto Rico.

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HONORING BRIAN WAGNER FOR  
RETIRING AS PRESIDENT OF  
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
POSTAL SUPERVISORS

**HON. DARIN LAHOOD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 27, 2021*

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor and congratulate Brian Wagner on his retirement as National Association of Postal Supervisors President.

Brian has dedicated forty-three years to the betterment of the Postal Service. His incredible career began in Peoria, IL, in 1978. Twelve years later, Brian worked his way up to the role of Delivery & Retail Analyst and joined the National Association of Postal Supervisors (NAPS). After entering the USPS Management Trainee Program, Brian attained the role of Customer Relations Coordinator for the Peoria area. He retired from this role in 2015, marking the end of his exceptional tenure serving the Peoria area in the Postal Service.

Like his work for the Postal Service, Brian's involvement with NAPS highlights a robust effort to represent and assist his fellow postal workers. During his time at NAPS, Brian was President of Heart of IL Branch 255, Illinois State Area Vice President, and NAPS Secretary/Treasurer. He also served on the Executive Board as Central Region Vice President.

Brian was elected NAPS National President in 2016 and reelected in 2018, a testament to his lifelong commitment to and advocacy for the Postal Service and its employees.

I want to express the utmost gratitude to Brian. I am certain that my fellow Peorians feel the same pride and respect towards him that I do. His career serves as an example of how to honorably serve the public. He has undoubtedly improved the lives of Peorians and Americans more broadly. Most importantly, Brian accomplished all this while being a loving husband, father, and grandfather. Congratulations Brian, and I wish you happiness and relaxation in retirement.

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FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHT TO  
VOTE

SPEECH OF

**HON. MAXINE WATERS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 26, 2021*

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, let me start off by making one thing clear. The 15th amendment of the United States Constitution says, "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude."

And so, I challenge the Supreme Court's decision that gutted Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act. The Supreme Court's interpretation does the exact opposite of the 15th Amendment to the Constitution. But since the 2020 election that broke voter participation records and gave us a democratic majority, Georgia has been ground-zero for voter suppression efforts in this country.

Because Black people came out to vote in record numbers, Republican lawmakers in Georgia moved with lightning speed and surgical precision to restrict voting rights. State

lawmakers reached deep into their bag of tricks, including eliminating ballot drop box locations, limiting voting days and hours, instituting strict ID requirements, and even going as far as trying to make it a crime to distribute food and water to people waiting in long voting lines. It's clear that these laws aren't about protecting voters. It's about punishing voters for exercising their right to vote.

But it's not only Georgia. Since Election Day, we have been experiencing an all-out anti-democratic assault on our voting rights. Eighteen states, all led by Republican governors, have enacted voter suppression laws because they know that when we vote, they lose. They're playing scared, but we have got to play smart.

We have seen this type of backlash before. And just as we did in the 1960's, we must pass new civil rights legislation, including the John Lewis Voting Rights Act and the For the People Act, to protect and expand voting rights.

The legislation named after my dear friend and civil rights icon, the late Congressman John Lewis, would restore the Voting Rights Act to its full strength, and stem the tide against this flood of voter suppression laws.

The For The People Act establishes automatic voter registration. It prohibits the most common forms of voter roll purges. It increases access to the polls. It restores voting rights for the formerly incarcerated, among many other democracy saving provisions.

After an election filled with big lies and scare tactics, that culminated in the violent January 6 insurrection, the American people deserve hard assurances that their vote and their voice will continue to count. So, if the Senate needs to eliminate the filibuster to protect voting rights, then that is exactly what it must do.

This fight that we are in to protect our sacred right to vote is critical and urgent. Our democracy is on the line, and we are not without options to try and save it.